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Subject: Proposed firearms related legislation

Hello, my name is Joshua Fritz. I am a Connecticut resident, 23 years of age, employed full time in the industrial sector, registered voter and gun owner. I am writing to you today concerning some new gun proposed gun legislation. Of particular concern are the following bills:

S.B. 16
H.B. 5416
S.B. 388
H.B. 5415

I strongly oppose the implementation of S.B. 16 and H.B.5416. Connecticut has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation, being exceeded only by California, New York, Massachusetts, and perhaps Washington. More gun control is unnecessary and would not serve to reduce crime. Strict gun laws have no correlation with reduced crime, and indeed are often correlated with increased rates of crimes such as robberies and home invasions. Disarming potential victims will only embolden criminals.

It is a common attitude among politicians and legislators to believe that they are wiser and more intelligent than their subjects, but this is rarely true. Free markets are so effective at creating wealth because individuals understand their needs far better than any centralized authority ever could. The same remains true for many social issues, including issues of human rights. The government of a free society has no role in limiting the rights of it's citizens, and among those rights is the right to self defense. Make no mistake, every gun law intended to impede a citizen's right to own a firearm or any other sort of arm is an attack on a citizen's right to defend themselves and their nation, a right enshrined in the second amendment of the constitution of the United States of America.

The second amendment is, like all of the others, an absolute right. Public servants are expected to uphold the constitution whether they agree with it or not. To attempt to limit certain kinds of speech would rightly be seen as an attack on the first amendment, and any legislators doing as such are plainly violating the US constitution, the highest law in the land. Likewise, any restrictions on the right to bear arms can rightly be seen as an attack on the second amendment. Connecticut's ban on standard capacity magazines is not only wrong, it is outright criminal. Legislators who facilitate further gun control are criminals, and as has long been established in courts, ignorance of the law does not excuse violating it. As such, the act of pushing additional gun control measures such as those present in S.B. 16 and H.B.5416 can only be seen as itself criminal.

I call on any legislators reading this message to vote NO on S.B. 16 and H.B. 5416, as both push illegal gun control measures which violate the US constitution. Additionally, I call on legislators to vote YES on H.B. 5415 and S.B. 388, as both strengthen the right to self defense.

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